

On Wednesday the trial of ex-Mayor Hall closed, the jury finding a verdict of not guilty.

The health of Emperor William, of Germany is improving.

The Catholics of this country have sent \$25,000 to the Pope.

Forty laborers were drowned by the sinking of the steamer Gipsy Queen in the river Tyne, on Friday.

The republicans obtained a victory over the Carlists in the province of Valencia, on Christmas day.

A letter of Captain Surmont is published in the English papers. The Captain denies that the officers and crew of the Ville du Havre acted cowardly, and charges that, as the Loch Earn was sailing close hauled, the collision might have been avoided by a single turn of her wheel.

Wilmington, North Carolina, was visited by a violent storm on Christmas night, and a large amount of damage done to the city. Several small houses were blown down.

The resignation of Minister Sickles has been accepted, and Caleb Cushing is appointed in his place. The appointment gives general satisfaction in Havana.

A Spanish prize court sitting in Havana has condemned the Virginians as a lawful prize.

The Virginians prisoners arrived in New York on Sunday evening.

Recruiting for the navy has been suspended. The number of men now in the navy is ten thousand.

A dispatch from Montreal received in New York City says Genet passed through Montreal on Friday night under the name of George T. Jackson.

Gov. Dix has issued a proclamation for a special election to be held in the twenty-first assembly district of New York city, from which Genet was chosen last fall.

During the last eighteen months fifty-nine convicted Ku Klux have been pardoned, and twenty application for pardon are now pending in the office of Attorney General Williams.

The failure of the Vienna exhibition does not appear to dishearten the Swiss nation. It is formally announced that in 1875 Switzerland will hold a World's Fair at Geneva.

It is gravely related in China that at the audience given by the Emperor "the ambassadors were so overwhelmed by the augustness of His Imperial Majesty, that not one of them could speak a word, and most of them had to be led out in fainting condition."

The charges made against Attorney-General Williams have been referred to by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Our government will not recognize any claim made by Spain on the Virginias, as the matter is left by the protocol with the United States to settle.

Sheriff Brennan has been granted another week in which to secure Genet.

On Sunday night, some parties unknown, entered the round house of the Jefferson and Indiana railroad, at Indianapolis, and broke all the gauges on the engines.

Governor Dix has appointed Hon. Alexander S. Johnson to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court, caused by the death of Judge Peckham; Prof. Theodore Dwight to the vacancy in the Committee of Cooperstown, to fill vacancy in the fifth district, caused by the death of Judge Parker.

Last winter, General Shanks, from the House Indian committee, made an exhaustive report on Indian frauds.

It is a document full of facts, many of them startling in character, and involving a large number of well-known persons. The report was brought in about the close of the session and ordered printed. It makes a bulky volume, only 2,600 copies for Congress, were printed, and but a few have been distributed. It appears that the whole edition has disappeared, and stolen, it is supposed, at the instigation of parties involved in the exposure.

Reports of suffering and destitution still coming in from the south-western part of Minnesota, particularly from those counties on the Iowa line. In a partial canvass of No. 100 county, 514 persons were found in a most helpless destitution—without food, fuel or clothing to protect them selves during the winter months.

Most of them are immigrants who have arrived within twelve or twenty months, and a larger class are Scandinavians.

The cause of their suffering is the incursions of the grasshoppers, which spread over the country like a cloud during the summer months and swept the crops before them.

The public debt statement will be issued on the 2d of January. It is thought at the Treasury Department that the increase will be somewhat less than that of last month. From the present indications it will be about \$8,000,000.

On Friday morning the Virginias, in tow of the United States steamer Oneida, sank on Frying Pan shoal, off Wilmington, North Carolina. The Virginias lies in eight fathoms of water, with her topmasts above the surface. It will be impossible to raise her.

Engineer Knight, of the Virginias, states that the crew were all sentenced to be hanged at the yard-arm of the Isabel El Catolica, but the captain not liking to have his ship made a gallows of the sentence was changed to shooting, and his sentence was afterward changed to life in the chain-gang.

It is said the proposition will soon be submitted to Spain by the Government of the United States for the purpose of securing peace in Cuba.

The line of diplomacy to be pursued by Mr. Cushing, at Madrid, will be the inauguration of such reforms, including the abolition of slavery in the Antilles, as will restore peace in the Island of Cuba.

There is, probably, no way in which we can benefit our readers more than by recommending to them for general use Johnson's Analope Liniment. It is adapted to almost all the purposes of a Family Medicine; and as a specific for coughs, colds, whooping cough, soreness of the chest, lame stomach, rheumatism, spitting of blood, and all lung difficulties, it has no equal that ever we saw or heard.

The property of giving condition medicine to horses, cattle and sheep, was discussed and admitted by many of the Agricultural Societies throughout the State last fall, and we believe that in every case but one they decided in favor of Sheridan's Calfry Condition Powders. Good judgment.

THE GRAND Closing Out Sale OF WINTER GOODS AT

N. Peters Bro. & Sons,
Will commence on
MONDAY, DEC. 29th,
And continue until

MARCH 1ST, 1874.

One Hundred Thousand
Dollars Worth of

Winter Goods

Consisting of

Silks, Black and Colored,
Lyons Silk Velvets,

Painley Shawls,

Woolen Shawls,

Fancy Shawls,

All Wool Dress Goods,

Alpacas, Black and Colored,

Serges, real and imitation,

Fancy Dress Goods,

Millinery Goods,

Woolen Blankets,

Beaver Cloakings,

Cloths and Casimères,

Ready Made Clothing,

Black and Colored Waterproof,

Gents Underwear,

Ladies Mering Underwear,

Hosiery and Knit Goods,

Ladies' Furnishing Goods,

Fancy Goods, &c., &c.,

Will be

Marked Down

25 to 50 per cent.

to close out the stock prior to our annual inventory.

We mean to have the cash.

For these goods before that time if we

Do it at a sacrifice.

We Shall Sell

Best Calicoes, at nine cents per yard. Good Yard wide Brown Sheeting at eight cents.

Best 4-4 fine and heavy Brown Sheeting at 11 1/2 cents.

Best Colored Alpacas at three shillings per yard—hitherto four shillings.

Fine Colored Alpacas at 25 cents—hitherto three shillings.

Black Alpacas of every grade at similar reductions.

Eligant Fancy Dress Goods at 25 cents,—hitherto three shillings.

Fancy Dress Goods at one shilling or more while it is being put in your jug, for he has one of those wonderful faucets that will enable him to draw and put up one gallon every minute. Time is money. Save what you can by going to Ballard's or your Sirup.

COAL.

The following are the prices for coal :

GRATE, 8.00

EGG, 8.25

STOVE, 8.50

CHESTNUT, 8.25

CHARCOAL, (per bushel) 20

Blacksmith Coal always on hand.

All coal must be paid for when delivered.

W. PENFOLD.

A Large Shed-Free,

for the use of country teams, has just been completed, and will be furnished if required.

25 per cent.

Every family which has need of a dollar's worth of Dry Goods, will save money by examining our stock.

OUR PRICES

For the next sixty days

shall be our best advertisement. This is an honest and truthful notice.

Cash Buyers,

please come and see for yourselves.

N. PETERS, BRO. & SONS

Cor. of Pond & Lodi Sts.

Syracuse, Dec. 29, 1873. 9-2m.

"St. Nicholas" and "Our Young Folks."

The publishers of "ST. NICHOLAS," Scribner's Illustrated Magazine for Girls and Boys, take pleasure in announcing that they have sold their interest in the publication to Messrs. J. R. OSGOOD & CO., their popular Magazines.

"OUR YOUNG FOLKS," HAS BEEN MERGED IN "ST. NICHOLAS." In addition to the striking novelties and great literary and artistic attractions already offered by "ST. NICHOLAS," THE BEST FEATURES OF "OUR YOUNG FOLKS" will be retained.

"OUR YOUNG FOLKS" HAS BEEN ENLARGED; new contributions have been secured; among them a Serial Story by J. T. Trowbridge, Late Editor of "OUR YOUNG FOLKS," which begins in the present number. OTHER EMINENT WRITERS WELL KNOWN TO THE READERS OF "OUR YOUNG FOLKS" have been engaged to contribute to the publication, and we trust that the public will be gratified by the new and improved Magazine for Children and Youth, superior in every respect to any ever before published.

THREE SPLENDID SERIAL STORIES: "WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED," A STORIE FOR BOYS, BY FRANK R. STOCKTON.

Author of "Falling," "Rockdale," etc., Mr. Stockton is one of the best of American Writers. The scene of the story is laid in Virginia. The boy hero has started out with a gun on his shoulder, and we may be sure that he will be a good shot.

"NIMPO'S TROUBLES," A STORY FOR GIRLS.

By OLIVE THORNE (Mrs. Harriet M. Miller.)

A great favorite with the children. It is a good, strong, wholesome story of girl life, and will be full of interest for both boys and girls.

"FAST FRIENDS," BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

One of the most popular writers for young folks in America. Readers of "Jack Hazard," "Rockdale," etc., etc., Mr. Stockton is one of the best of American Writers. The scene of the story is laid in Virginia. The boy hero has started out with a gun on his shoulder, and we may be sure that he will be a good shot.

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The Year is Growing Old.

The following, coming too late for last week's issue, is still not out of place, as we go to press on the last day of the old year.—ED.

The year is growing old! His blood is thin and cold; He sings no more a cheerful, lusty song, But walls and groans With bitter moans, The whole night long! Shall we be sad for him? Rather be glad for him! There comes a better than he, Swiftly pursuing To right his wrong-doing, Greet him with jubilee. Shall we not prophesy—shall we not sing, Of the great blessings the New Year shall bring!

Souls of God's children, distressed, Trodden in want, oppressed, Shall release and make free!

Never, remorseless, he'll now not rest Till the Right and the Truth shall be,

Till all who labor shall joy increase;

Plenty shall crown them, Freedom and peace.

Shall we be sad for him, When soon shall leave us?

Rather be glad for him Who comes to relieve us!

Let the old troubles die with the old year;

Throw off the fetters Of evil and fear!

Shall we not prophesy, shall we not sing, Of the redemption the New Year shall bring!

Roselia H. STRICKLAND.

Hastings, N. Y.

Board of Supervisors.

MR. EDITOR.—I find in your Independent of the 18th inst., an item in reference to the session of the Board of Supervisors reading thus: "It is said to have been the shortest on record—seventeen days," from which I beg to disagree.

The sessions of 1859 and 1861 were 12 days each; of 1860 and 1863, 13 days each; of 1867, 15 days; of 1864, 1866 and 1870, 16 days each; of 1858, 1862, 1865 and 1873, 17 days each; of 1868, 18 days; of 1869 and 1871, 21 days each; of 1872, 23 days.

The last day of session, each year, as follows: 1861, Nov. 29, which is earliest since 1857. In 1860, Dec. 8th; 1863, Dec. 9th; 1859 and 1870, Dec. 10th; 1867 and 1869, Dec. 11th; 1862, 1863, 1871 and 1873, Dec. 12th; 1866, Dec. 13th; 1865, Dec. 15th; 1864, Dec. 16th; 1858, Dec. 18th; 1872, Dec. 20th.

In 1858, 1864, 1866 and 1870 the session was at Pulaski. In 1867 at Mexico. In 1860, 1862, 1863 and 1865 at Fulton. In 1859, 1861, 1868, 1869, 1871, 1872 and 1873 at Oswego city.

The Chairman of the Board each year since 1867, is as follows:

S. A. Comstock, 1855; Robert Simpson, 1859; P. M. Newton, 1860; A. W. Severance, 1861, 1867 and 1868; John H. Mann, 1862; O. R. Earl, 1863, 1864 and 1871; D. L. Couch, 1865; Mannerister Worts, 1866; H. C. Howe, 1869 and 1870; John F. Sloane, 1872; W. J. Menter, 1873.

S. N. Edna was Clerk in 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1871; John R. French in 1862, 1863 and 1864; Geo. G. French from 1865 to 1870 inclusive—six years; H. L. Howe in 1871 and 1873; C. T. Richardson in 1872.

F. W. SQUIRES.
North Volney, Dec. 20, 1873.

Real Estate Sales.

Lucien E. Tilton to William D. Huntley, 85 acres in Mexico, \$1,700: April, 1872.

Ezra Oyer to Rachel Godfrey, 23 acres in Anboy, \$500: December, 1873.

William B. Weeden to G. W. Morton, 50 acres in Mexico, \$1,300: March, 1861.

William Redhead to Samuel Ferguson, 24 acres in Hastings, \$1: December, 1873.

George E. Buck to Hiram Pond, 13 9-10 acres in Mexico, \$900: April, 1873.

Lester G. Tilton to Lored D. Williams and Eliza Williams, executors of the estate of Elwin Williams, deceased, \$1: November, 1873.

Horace Trumbull to Orson Bennett, 30 1/2 acres in Albion, \$1,067.15: October, 1873.

Erastus Trumbull to Orson Bennett, 1/4 acre in Richland, \$1: September, 1873.

Rachel Jones to Erastus Trumbull 1/4 acre in Richland, \$100: October, 1873.

Datus E. Ferris to Jane Cook, 1 acre 28 rods in West Monroe, \$550: December, 1873.

WHAT THE COUNTY PAPERS DO.—An exchange combat with considerable vigor the argument that the city weeklies are cheaper than your own village paper, because they give more columns of reading for the money. Do the city papers, it asks, ever give you any home news? Never. Do they say anything in regard to your own county? Nothing. Do they contain notices of your schools, churches, meetings, improvements and hundreds of other local matters of interest, which your paper publishes without pay? Not a word. And yet there are men who have such contracted views of the matter, that unless they are getting as many square inches of reading in their own paper, they think they are not getting the worth of their money. It reminds us of the person who took the largest pair of boots in the box, because they cost the same as the pair much smaller that fitted him.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL TIMES—a weekly journal whose purpose is well indicated by its name, is one of the very ablest papers for the Sunday-school worker, be he superintendent, teacher or earnest student. It is published by John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, known all over the land for his self-sacrificing labors in bringing his fellow-beings to a knowledge of the truth as revealed in the Bible. The Times contains full notes and comments on the International Lessons, with Primary Department and Blackboard exercises, and during the present year (1874) will give every week a sermon by Rev. E. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the Memorial Church in New York, besides much general religious information. Single subscriptions \$2.00; 50 copies, \$50; 30 copies, \$37.50. Address John Wanamaker, 610 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

HAIR ARTIST.—Fannie Wilder would inform the public that she has learned to make Hair Jewelry, Pins, Earrings, Chains, Bracelets, Charms, &c., and solicits its patronage. Orders may be left at her home on Railroad St., near Empire Hotel. 7-3m.

AT HOME AGAIN.—Farmers and others who have butter to sell, will be glad to learn that their old friend, W. O. Johnson, is at home again, and that he is giving 25 to 30 cents per pound for good loose butter.

W. M. ADAMS, JR., & E. H. KNIGHT.
Mexico, Dec. 18, 1873. 7-3m.

HAVE YOU A COUGH.—Cold, Pain in the chest or Bronchitis? In fact, have you the premonitory symptoms of the "influenza arctica" consumption? If so, know that relief is within your reach in the shape of Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, which, in many cases where hope had fled, has snatched the victim from the yawning grave.

CRANBERRIES, ORANGES, and Lemons, very fine, at WADSWORTH'S.

Christmas in Mexico.

Farewell Sermon.

The Universalist Society had a Christmas tree in their church on Wednesday evening, when the house was filled with people to witness the distribution of the gifts. A star was seen "in the east," and a figure representing an angel with outstretched wings hovered above the tree. After a few remarks from the pastor, Lettie Davis told the audience something of Santa Claus, but was interrupted by his appearance at the door, when he marched through the central aisle with toys upon his back and his furry robes hung with bells. Lettie had said that this patron of the children was not "pretty but real good," but Walter Allen in this guise made quite a good-looking Santa Claus. The gifts were by no means all trifles, but many of them valuable and beautiful. Mr. Orvis, who has done so much for the singing in that church, received a box containing, as we were told, ten dollars; Mr. Wimble, the sexton, a large package which somebody said was a new overcoat wrapped up; and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent were presented with an elegant cake basket from friends outside the society. The exercises were interspersed with singing, and all passed off pleasantly.

Some neighborhood and family Christmas trees, on the same evening, were greatly enjoyed by those who had part in them.

Christmas day was pleasant, the weather being favorable and the sleighing in town at least, good. That it was morn was indicated by the unusual jingling of the sleigh bells, and in favorable occasions large groups of rosy-cheeked boys and girls enjoyed rare sport in coasting, many of them having just received new sleds from Santa Claus.

—Among the turnouts that day was a tandem, driven by Luther Conklin, "Vin" Stone and Charley Dayton, which attracted considerable attention. The leading horse was clothed in scarlet, and seemed to feel as proud as his owner.

The usual services were held in the Episcopal church, the Rev. Mr. Bonham officiating.

The Children's Service connected with the Episcopal church took place on Monday evening of this week, and as the parish is without a rector, was conducted by L. H. Conklin, Esq. In his brief address the love of Christ was beautifully illustrated by the story of the Highland mother, who died to save her child. The Christmas tree was a very fine one, and the children seemed delighted with the presents they received from it. The beautiful banner had been won by Miss Fannie Conklin's class, a class of young ladies, and it was indeed a pleasant sight to see them bear it away. The church was tastefully decorated.

—The annual meeting of the First Universalist Society in Mexico will be held at Christ Church in this village, on Wednesday, the 7th of January, 1874, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is desired that all the members of the congregation, as well as the society, should be present.

W. S. GOODELL, Clerk.

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FRIDAY, Jan. 9.—Prayer; for the evangelization of all nominally Christian scum; for missionaries; for the spread of the Gospel in Mohammedan and heathen countries; for the conversion of Israel to Christ. Psalms cxviii, 31; xxii, 6; Heb. xiii, 3.

SATURDAY, Jan. 10.—Prayer; for the Christian ministry; for Sunday-schools; for revivals. Matt. ix, 38; Deut. iv, 9; Hab. iii, 2.

SUNDAY, Jan. 11.—Sermoms; Christ's Kingdom, universal and everlasting, Psalms xvii, 1-2—and the results of the Sixth General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance.

—An exchange has learned that rats will eat wax dolls. The young people favored by Santa Claus with dolls should take notice.

HON. JOSEPH MULLIN has been appointed by Gov. Dix as Presiding Judge of the General Term in this Judicial District.

—Some rigid utilitarian has discovered that old sardine boxes, when filled with mortar, can be used as bricks to build houses with.

—A Watch meeting service will be held this (Wednesday) evening, at the Methodist church in this village, commencing at 8 p. m., and continuing until the New Year is ushered in.

—The Cedarville correspondent of the Iliion Citizen announced the fact that Rev. Mr. Vincent, of Mexico, N. Y., preached at that place on Sunday, Dec. 21st.

—Charles Turner, of Boylston, lost a \$200 horse, lately. The animal was tied in the stable with a rope about his neck, and, falling over in the next stall, was choked to death.

—An exchange tells of a lady who had several hundred dollars' worth of point lace clippings off her clothing by an adroit thief, while she was at church, singing, "Strip me of the robe of pride, clothe me in humility."

—About thirty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bell gathered at their residence on Wednesday, Dec. 24, to celebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

—Special discount to parties wishing to buy in quantities for trees, for Sabbath Schools, District Schools, &c.

L. VIRGIL
Mexico, Dec. 17, 1873.

—The thoughtful teacher, we are sure, will welcome the January number of THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Syracuse Northern road, action was taken in the matter of connecting the Northern and Chenango Valley roads.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That on the completion of the Syracuse and Chenango railroad to Hay Market Square, and said company paying the Syracuse Northern railroad company one-half of the cost of constructing the connecting link with the Northern road; from that point, will proceed to build said connecting link, which, when completed, shall belong to both companies jointly.

—SOUND DOCTRINE.—The Marquette Mining Journal thus philosophizes:

A financial panic does not mean that no one has any money in the country, and for said town, have received the warrant for the collection of the taxes for the present year, and that I will be at the Hotel, Texas, Dec. 29th; at the Hotel, Coloso, Dec. 30th; and at the Hotel, Union Square, Dec. 31st; and at the Stor of Goit & Richardson, in the village of Mexico, all other days, Sundays excepted, for 30 days from the date hereof, from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the payment of taxes.

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A financial panic does not mean that no one has any money in the country, and for said town, have received the warrant for the collection of the taxes for the present year, and that I will be at the Hotel, Texas, Dec. 29th; at the Hotel, Coloso, Dec. 30th; and at the Hotel, Union Square, Dec. 31st; and at the Stor of Goit & Richardson, in the village of Mexico, all other days, Sundays excepted, for 30 days from the date hereof, from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the payment of taxes.

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